

**STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
APRIL 26, 2001**

**Members Present:**

Dr. Garth Gemar (Chairman)	Sgt. Rich Thacher
Shelagh O'Connor	Dan Judkins
Dr. Steve Thompson	Dr. Marc Levison
Bernard Grahek	Sheri Farr Jorden
Jim Morgan	Roy L. Ryals
Dr. Scott Petersen	Dr. Stuart Alt
Nancy Shaver	
Dr. Charles Allen	

**BEMS Staff Present:**

Ramona Cajero  
Don Decker  
Donna Meyer  
Dona Markley  
Sarah Penttinen  
Betty Yunick  
Pennie Klein

**Members Absent:**

Dr. Phillip C. Richemont  
Dr. Michael J. Seby

**Guests Present:**

Rose Conner  
Holly Gibeaut  
Cecelia Ralston  
Philomene Spadafore  
Rookie Stevens  
Rosalie Johnson  
Mark Daily  
Lynn Donaldson  
Melinda Case  
Dr. Tim Flood  
Richard Porter  
Jake Burney

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Dr. Gemar. A quorum was present.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dr. Alt, seconded by Jim Morgan to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2001, meeting. Motion carried.

**III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Dr. Gemar gave a committee membership report (a copy of the Chairman's Report is available through the Bureau).

- A. Membership Updates** - Dr. Gemar introduced Dr. Charles Frank Allen as a new member of STAB to the committee for the Trauma Center Representative category.

Dr. Gemar announced that Stephen Hise, the Chief of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, has given his two-week notice of resignation. Dr. Gemar will meet with Rose Conner, the Assistant Director to formalize transition.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Trauma Program Administrator Introduction** - Dr. Gemar introduced Pennie Klein, the new Trauma Program Administrator for the Bureau.
- B. **Cales Contract** - ADHS/BEMS/ITS will review in a maximum of thirty days the contract deliverables that Cales signed his name to for detection of non-compliance. If non-compliance exists the potential exists to withhold payment. This will be presented to the Director and to the STAB Executive Committee within thirty days. The Director and the Division of Public Health are studying the issue of whether to recontract with Cales after July.

Recommended discussing this with the Data Committee.

- C. **STAB Budget and Report** - Rose Conner asked for STAB's support to use money that would be reverted back to the State EMS Operating Fund if not used. The Department wants to start looking at getting some of the data equipment that it needs to start developing this and to look at some resources to start this planning process. Approximately \$120,000 will be needed for equipment and data managers.

Discussion ensued regarding using money from the STAB budget for this project. The opinions were divided on expenditure of STAB monies, especially in future years.

- D. **Codes Project Update** -The linkage of crash data and hospital discharge data for 1998 is complete and the data has been validated. They anticipate linking the state trauma registry, hospital discharge database and the death certificate data during the next quarter. After the 1998 files have been linked they will link the 1999 files and begin to run that analysis.

- E. **Resubmission of SEAZ Regional Trauma System Development Pilot Project**

Recommended doing demonstration projects as well in Northern and Central Regions.

A motion was made by Bing Grahek to support the proposal as written. A friendly amendment was proposed by Dr. Gemar, seconded by Dr. Levison with the understanding that this could possibly overlap budget cycles. The budget is negotiable. Motion Fails 7 - 2

A motion was made by Dr. Levison, seconded by Shelagh O'Connor that with the approval of the SAEMS group we consider modifying the proposal with the deliverables being:

1. create a regional trauma council
2. select members and have meetings
3. establish a protocols group for protocols
4. establish a regional trauma quality improvement plan and implement that plan

This would be offered to all four regions as an example and the funding would be for a half-time regional trauma coordinator and a half-time secretarial support person for those activities (whatever the going rate is).

A friendly amendment was made by Dr. Allen to have only the Southeast Region participate in the SATNET pilot project. Motion carried

Recommendation was made to give the opportunity to other regions to present their concepts as to how regional trauma oversight might take place in their EMS regions in the future.

Follow up: Agenda item - Next meeting - June 21, 2001  
Delegated to: Dr. Garth Gemar

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. STAB Ad Hoc Committee for Trauma Plan Clarification**

Dr. Levison discussed timeline and accomplishments that were in the agenda packet. The committee chose the 3 models that were in the trauma plan and discussed pros, cons, and characteristics of each model. It will also be decided who will have responsibilities for each of the components of that trauma system in the foundation, perinatal trust, and ADHS models. The highest priority of the Director is the Trauma Plan clarification.

Followup: Agenda Item: Next meeting - June 21, 2001- Final Report  
Delegated to: Dr. Levison and Pennie Klein

### **B. Potential Trauma Budget Expenditures Targets**

A motion was made by Dr. Levison, seconded by Bing Grahek, for all of the trauma hospitals that have been submitting data, the state upgrade hardware on their computer systems to facilitate the use of the current registry and that ADHS spend a maximum of \$3,000 on each. Motion carried.

(This item was presented following the call to order).

1. **ADHS Injury Registry Effort** - Dr. Gemar introduced Rose Conner, Assistant Director of the Division of Public Health Services, Richard Porter, Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Health Statistics, Dr. Tim Flood, Medical Director of the Bureau of Health Statistics and Holly Gibeaut, Assistant Attorney General of the Health Services Unit to the committee. Richard Porter presented a proposal for the Injury Surveillance System. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of this system.

A motion was made by Dr. Levison, seconded by Dan Judkins, that the State Trauma Advisory Board support the concept of the Injury Surveillance System as described with sensitivities to cost and accuracy of the data thus collected. There was a pledge made to have a task force look at the data elements collected. Motion approved. 2 - abstentions.

2. **AAAM Courses** - This course would cost approximately \$15,000 to put on. The purpose of this course is to teach accurate AIS scoring which is the basis of all injury severity scoring done in trauma registries. This is not part of the surveillance tool as of yet.

A motion was made by Dr. Alt, seconded by Roy Ryals to commit the \$15,000 to putting on a AAAM Course.

A friendly amendment was accepted by Dr. Alt for up to \$17,000. Motion carried.

3. **Hospital Registries** - The Trauma Registry Product Demonstration Report was discussed. More input is needed from the Information Technology Services Bureau for these products. There were 2 outstanding products. The group that researched this was a group of individuals from individual facilities. It was not the Data/QASI committee or an independent work group. Pennie Klein thanked the group for the great job they did and for spending so much time on this.

A motion was made by Dr. Alt, seconded by Dan Judkins, to have the Data Committee make a recommendation to the STAB as to which vendor we should pursue. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Fortune, seconded by Dan Judkins, to spend \$100,000 to go toward the start up of the Injury Surveillance System as presented by Richard Porter.

A friendly amendment was made by Dr. Alt, seconded by Dan Judkins, that the \$100,000 come from this years budget only and no future budget encumbrances be made at this time. Motion carried.

4. **Pilot Project(s) as in IV. E.**

## VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **STAB Executive Committee** - Dr. Gemar reported that the STAB Executive Committee did not meet.
- B. **AZTQASI Committee** - The committee changed its acronym to AZTQ (pronounced "Aztec").

**VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

The Southwest Regional Trauma Conference will be held on August 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>.

The AEMS Conference will be held in Tempe, Arizona at the Buttes on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Gemar acknowledged the frustration of STAB members and plead with the members of the Committee to defer any individual decision regarding voluntarily ending their STAB participation until after the Director has acted upon the recommendations of the STAB Ad Hoc Committee for Trauma Plan Clarification.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting regular meeting of STAB is scheduled for June 21, 2001

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Approved by STAB on 6/21/01